



# ***By Faith***

***Faith United Methodist Church—  
January 2023—Newsletter***

DO NOT LET THIS BOOK  
OF THE LAW DEPART  
FROM YOUR MOUTH;  
MEDITATE ON IT DAY  
AND NIGHT, SO THAT  
YOU MAY BE CAREFUL  
TO DO EVERYTHING  
WRITTEN IN IT. THEN  
YOU WILL BE  
PROSPEROUS AND  
SUCCESSFUL.

-Joshua 1:8

## ***FAITH CHURCH OFFICE HOURS***

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Friday - CLOSED

We are listening to messages if we are not in the office and will contact you as soon as we can *If you are looking to contact Pastor Tim, you can call him here at the church*

*or you can email him at [tjalbrecht79@gmail.com](mailto:tjalbrecht79@gmail.com)*

*Please continue to pray for all the church staff members and committee members!*

**Sermons can be found on our web page.**

<https://www.faithchurchneenah.com>

*Click on the watch us live button on the church's web page to see our live streaming each Sunday for our worship Services. If you are having difficulty please leave a message at the church and we will get back to you and try to help.* We will be live-streaming our services each Sunday on both face book and YouTube. If there is an issue with the viewing, The services will be added to YouTube and Facebook after the worship service and the technology group gets the recording completed. If you have questions, call the church office. YouTube and Facebook **Our YouTube channel is:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwn8QuPjcSsrtpR1WbPeYUQ>

Each Thursday when you receive your midweek connection either by email or regular mail the link for YouTube will be in your email or in your regular mailing. You can join the worship service on YouTube by clicking on the link. If there is a problem with the streaming to our YouTube or Facebook page and there will be a delay in the download, we will upload the video and within an hour or so after the service, Once it is available, an email will be sent to those with an email address informing them that it is up on. The sermon can also be heard on the radio station; WEMI 91.9 however, but are a week later.

Our Website—has added our “older sermons”

We have added a way you can look at all the worship services since we have been livestreaming. Please check out our website and look for the “button” View Past Sermons. It is located right below “Watch us Live”

### **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

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***Question for you? If you make the change, in your address or phone would you like a notice to be put in the midweek letting the members know of the change, or would you prefer just the periodic update of the directory. Let Bev in the office know of your opinions..... Thank you***

**The link for this Sunday's worship service on YouTube is**

Shareable links <https://youtu.be/cyZxU5cujLc>

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**9:00 a.m.**  
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*(for all ages)*  
**10:15 - 11:15**  
*(Sept - May)*

*From the desk of Pastor Tim Albrecht*  
*Faith United Methodist church*

January 2023

Greetings Faith Church,

Happy New Year! We begin another year and are grateful for God's blessings and provisions for 2022 and ask for the same as we begin 2023.

As 2022 ended there are a few things to praise God for. The Christmas Eve service was the highest attended since 2019.

Which was the last Christmas Eve service pre covid. It was good to see a whole lot of people. Also, the response to the letter that the Finance Committee sent out was very positive. I do not know what the final numbers are yet. We will be in a better spot than before. Thank you for supporting Faith Church!

As January begins starting on Sunday January 8th, I will be starting a new sermon series entitled Life Foundations. This series will focus on what God says is important if you want to prosper. That is if you want to succeed in life, to live the life that God has for you. You cannot do it apart from God's word. This will take us through the first Sunday in February. Then on February 19th, we will begin our Lenten Series along with Ash Wednesday being on February 22nd. There will be more on that in the February newsletter.

See you in church,

Pastor Tim

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## **WORSHIP SERVICE\***

***Baptism of Jesus***

***January 8, 2023 9:00 A.M***

**Call to Worship**

**Prelude:**

**Welcome**

**\*Opening Hymn:** "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty" UMH # 64  
"For the Lord Our God Reigns"

**Children's Message:**

Hugh Davies

**Special Music:** "Yes Lord, Yes" (by Lynn Keesecker)

**Morning Prayer / The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

**\*Doxology:** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 95

**Sermon Hymn:** "Thy Word is a Lamp"

UMH # 601

**Sermon Series:** "Life Foundations"

**Scripture:** Joshua 1:8 Genesis 1:1

**Sermon:** Knowing My Creator

Pastor Tim

**\*Closing Hymn:** "Step by Step"

**Benediction**

**Postlude:**

***\*Please stand as you are able***

*United Methodist Hymnal TFWS – The Faith We Sing Song Book*

Theme: The creation

Scripture Genesis 1:1



The earth keeps on spinning around and around as it has ever since it was created. The very first words in the Bible tell us that "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Then the Bible goes on to tell about God's creation.

The first thing God created was light. The Bible tells us that God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God said... "It was good."

Then God said, "There needs to be a space to separate the waters of the heavens from the waters on the earth." So God made a space to separate the earth from the heavens. He called it "sky." And God said... "It was good."

Next, God brought all the waters of the earth together to make the oceans and the seas and to create dry land between them. Then He covered the dry land with flowers, trees, and grass. And God said... "It was good."

God paused, looked at the beautiful trees and flowers and said... "It was good." Then He continued His creation.

He created the sun, moon, and stars. They were beautiful! God looked at them, and again He said... "It was good."

Then God created the birds and fish. He blessed them and told them to multiply so that the sea would be filled with fish of all shapes and sizes and the air would be filled with beautiful birds. God looked at them, smiled, and said... "It was good."

Finally, God made the animals. Tall, skinny giraffes and furry little squirrels. He made cuddly little kittens and big, ferocious lions -- animals of every kind. Then God made man and woman. The Bible says He made people to be like Him and He put them in charge of all that He had created -- the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and every living creature. And God said... It was good."

When God had finished, He looked at all that He had created and He said, "That is VERY GOOD!"

God we thank you that you alone are Creator. You are powerful and so creative. Thank you for making us in your image and making all things very good.

**Lord, we come to you in prayer for joy, peace, comfort and healing**

*Jim Lyons*—prayers for my daughter Diane, who is dealing with a medical problem

Marly Divver—prayers as my sister is dealing with covid.

Chris Bordeaux—prayers for safe travels while we are on vacation for the next 3 weeks

Julie Beck, Neale Caflisch, Bob Fritz, Tom Divver, Liz Roberts Jim Hart, Dick Wylie, Gaylord and Ina Mae Remmel, Marilyn Nyberg, Kathy Bayer, Jim & Ardis Lyons, Lisa Armstrong, Corky, Michael and Nola Sell, others in need of healing, encouragement, financial needs, continued prayers for all our members of our church family, and our many unspoken prayers. Prayers for our church, the leadership team and Pastor Tim during this time.

### **PRAYER SHAWLS**

Beth Hall has been creating beautiful Prayer shawls as a gift of love and care to the recipient. The shawl is meant to symbolize the love and embrace of God. Each shawl has been lovingly made and prayed over, and those who receive the shawls continue to be held in prayer. At this time, she is in need of extra yarn. Do you have extra yarn that you are not using? To request a shawl for yourself or someone else (relatives or friends), please contact Beth Hall at or the church office and arrangements can be made for you to pick up the shawl at the church. Would there be an interest in a group meeting on a day every week to assist in making these Prayer shawls. If you have an interest in being part of this group, please contact Beth Hall at 920-289-1022.

### **FAITHFUL SINGERS REHEARSALS**

The Faithful Singers, Faith Church's adult choir, rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the choir room, Room 201. Membership is open to all adults and high school age youth, and new members are always welcome. No prior choral experience or training is required or expected, only a love of singing and a willingness to offer your time and attention at rehearsals. If you have questions, please contact Micah by email at [micasommer@gmail.com](mailto:micasommer@gmail.com) or by cell phone 765.993.7019 or [msomme@smith@faithchurchneenah.com](mailto:msomme@smith@faithchurchneenah.com)

Thank you – for the cards and gifts Lori and I received during this Christmas season. Lori and I are grateful for your support.”

Pastor Tim and Lori



## Preparing our Hearts for Worship



**January 2023**

**Sermon Titles**

**January 1, 2023**

Eternity In Their Mind

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

**New Series:**

Life Foundations-will run for five weeks

(This series will focus on what God says is if you want to prosper, if you want to succeed in life, and if you want to live the life that God created you to live you cannot do it apart from God's word.)

**January 8, 2023**

Knowing My Creator

Joshua 1:8

Genesis 1:1

**January 15, 2023**

Acknowledging My Humanity

Genesis 3:1-6

Romans 5:12

**January 22, 2023**

Understanding My Heritage

Genesis 12:1-4

**January 29, 2023**

Managing My Problems

Genesis 37:4-5

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Each Sunday from

10:15—11:15 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Nursery Class: Room 106**  
**Julie Caflisch Michelle Woodard**

**Preschool—Kindergarten: Room 108**  
**Joanne Ball Sherry Steele**

**First—2nd Grade Room: 104**  
**Bev Pezewski**

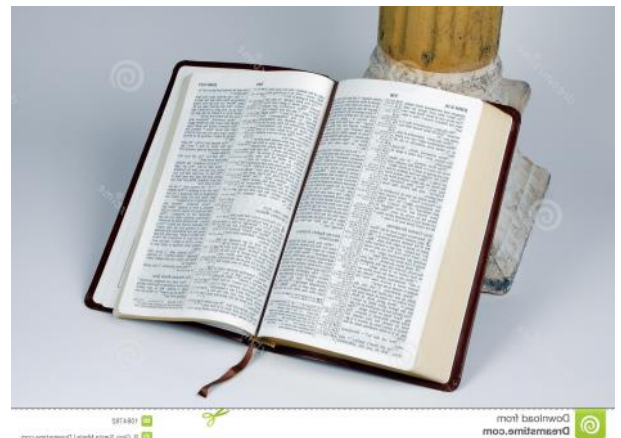
**3rd grade to 5th grade Room 208**  
**Kurt VanHandel**

**6-12th grade. Room 207**  
**Dan Duff**

## **ADULT CLASSES**

**Room: 204**

**Hugh Davies & Gary Reiter**



# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/3 Sharon LeMaire

1/4 Loree Johnston-LaChey

1/9 Brian Fairchild

1/10 Jon Halverson

1/12 Tim Albrecht

1/12 Cindy Boelter

1/13 Lydia Sommersmith

1/14 T.J. Severson

1/19 Tom Divver

1/21 Lori Albrecht

1/22 Amelia Kemper

1/25 Terry Ball

1/26 Hugh Davies

1/27 Michael Steffek

1/31 Kurt VanHandel



## ANNIVERSARIES

1/2 Jerry & Nola Sell

1/14 Michael & MaryAnn Halverson

Birthstone is the Garnet



## SPECIAL DAYS IN JANUARY

January 16—Martin Luther King Holiday



# Save the Date!

## The Family Radio Network's Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive

Feb. 12 – March 5, 2023



Last spring, 250 Fox Cities area businesses, churches and schools hosted collection boxes and encouraged staff, members, students, and friends to donate hygiene supplies to local shelters for The Family Radio Network's 30th annual "Help for the Homeless" Hygiene Drive. Approx. \$200,000 worth of supplies are donated annually in the Fox Cities, helping 19 local crisis programs - thank you!

In all 5 of our Wisconsin listening areas, donations totaled \$530,000, stocking the shelves of 99 crisis agencies in 19 communities. Enjoy this [2022 Thank You Video](#). Donations remain in communities where collected.

The community "gets" this! Most of us CAN afford to buy an extra bottle of shampoo or [package of toilet tissue](#).

Please visit with your decision makers to participate in 2023! *\$1.8 Million dollars' worth of supplies have been donated to Fox Cities crisis programs since 2006.*

### In the Fox Cities, we'll be collecting for:

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|---|---|
| 1. Appleton Area School District Homeless Youth Program                             | 2. ADVOCAP Homeless Program                                   |
| 3. Apricity (Formerly STEP Industries & Mooring programs.)                          | 4. B.A.B.E.S. Child Abuse Prevention, Appleton                |
| 5. Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley, Home Base (formerly Youth Runaway Program) | 6. COTS Transitional Shelters for Men & Women                 |
| 7. Hortonville School District Homeless Children & Youth Program                    | 8. LEAVEN   |
| 9. Menasha Joint School Dist. Homeless Youth Prgm                                   | 10. Mission of Hope House, New London                         |
| 11. Partnership Community Health Center   | 12. Pillars Homeless Shelters, Affordable Housing & Resources |
| 13. Riverview Gardens, ServiceWorks Job Training Prgm                               | 14. Ryan Community Transitional Housing                       |
| 15. St. Vincent de Paul - Neenah  | 16. Salvation Army, Fox Cities                                |
| 17. Salvation Army, New London  | 18. SOAR Fox Cities   |
| 19. VIDA Medical Clinic and Support Services  |   |

**What:** 91.9FM The Family Radio Network's 31st annual **Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive** to collect personal care and cleaning products for local crisis agencies.

**When:** February 12 – March 5, 2023

**Why:** Donations of hygiene supplies make it possible for our local crisis agencies to concentrate their limited financial resources

# January 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Service</b> <b>New Year</b> <b>Day</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>Church</b> <b>office will be</b> <b>closed</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>6:00 P.M.</b> <b>Ad Board</b> <b>Meeting</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>6:30 P.M.</b> <b>Choir</b> <b>Practice</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>6:30 P.M.</b> <b>Agape</b> <b>Bible Study</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Service</b> <b>19:15 A.M.</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>School</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>6:00 P.M.</b> <b>Trustee</b> <b>Meeting</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>6:30 P.M.</b> <b>Choir</b> <b>Practice</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>6:30 P.M.</b> <b>Agape</b> <b>Bible Study</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Service</b> <b>10:15 A.M.</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>School</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>6:30 P.M.</b> <b>Choir</b> <b>Practice</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>6:30 P.M.</b> <b>Agape</b> <b>Bible Study</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Service</b> <b>10:15 A.M.</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>School</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>6:30 P.M.</b> <b>Choir</b> <b>Practice</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>6:30 P.M.</b> <b>Agape</b> <b>Bible Study</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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